

RISLEY MOSS BIRD REPORT

2005



Cormorant

Compiled by Rob Smith

SYSTEMATIC LIST

LITTLE GREBE 1 pair bred with birds present from 20/4 until 24/9

GREAT CORMORANT Seen most months with peaks overflying reserve at dusk of 45 on 2/2 and 33 on 2/12

GREY HERON seen most months with 2 on 14/3,10/6,25/9-3 on 20/5, 7/6-4 on 26/9.

MUTE SWAN rare on mossland - 1 (letters PAS on blue ring) on 1/5 - 1 on 17/11

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE 3330 in 17 skeins passed over between 1.30 & 3pm, 29/1 - 80 flew N, 6/3- 150 in skeins flew S, 28/10 - 148 over west, 24/12

GREYLAG GOOSE 1 among PF Geese on 3/1 - 7 flew NW, 9/11 - 1 o/h, 23/12

CANADA GOOSE 3 pair bred - 13 there, 27/4 - 33 landing on 11/8

GADWALL scarce - 1 male on 24/5

TEAL 6 pairs bred (35 young noted) - 62 on moss, 22/5 - 60+ on 29/9 - 130+ on 15/10

MALLARD 3 pairs bred - 20 onto scrape, 3/1 - 21 on 29/8",2005,186

SHOVELER 1 on moss, 21/4 - 1pr there 27/4, 30/4, 6/5 - 2m/1f on 10/5, 17/5 but did not breed

TUFTED DUCK 2 pairs bred - 5prs on mossland on 23/3 - 11 (6m/5f) on 27/4 - 10(6m/4f) on mossland, 2/5

RED KITE 1 flew over on 14/6

MARSH HARRIER juv over moss, 12/10 - fem/imm over mossland, 15/10

HEN HARRIER fem/imm across moss, 15/10 - imm/fem, low to east, 15/11

SPARROWHAWK 2 pairs bred

COMMON BUZZARD Breeds locally and frequents area in numbers - 5 on 24/1, 1/3 - 6 on 15/3, 8/3 - 7 on 20/9 - 8 o/h, 6/9

KESTREL Regular over site - 3 on 20/8 - 6 on 21/8 - 5 on 30/8, 24/9

MERLIN Frequent in winter noted taking various small birds - 3 flew low over mossland @ dusk, 27/10 - 1pr on 11/12 (1 with reed bunting)- Fem/imm on 28/8 & 17/12 - Male on 28/10, 9/11 - Female on 10/12. Singles also noted on 5 dates in January & 6 dates between August & December

HOBBY First of year, 1 briefly on 18/5 - Last on 11/10. Adults/sub adults and Immatures noted regularly between dates. 2 on mossland, 4/6, 20/8, 21/8, 23/8, 24/8, 1/9, 7/9, 17/9, 23/9 - 3 hawking over mossland, 26/6

PEREGRINE x SAKER 1 over mossland, 3/5

PEREGRINE FALCON Male noted on 14/2, 28/2, 17/3, 4/4, 26/6, 2/8, 20/8, 21/9 - Imm/male on 28/10, 7/12 - Females on 28/8, 22/9, 27/10 (took Woody) - Pairs noted on 3/5, 16/10 - 4 sightings in May + 1 on 26/6, 7/11

PHEASANT Male calling on many dates between 27/2 to 10/10 - 1pr on mossland on 24/12 - 3 there 27/12

WATER RAIL 1pr bred + 5 young

SPOTTED CRAKE heard @ dusk, 16/1

MOORHEN 9 pairs bred

OYSTERCATCHER 2 off scrape on 23/3, 25/3, 20/5, 26/5, 28/5 - 3 onto scrape, 5/6

L.R. PLOVER 1 pair bred, 2 young. First noted, 3 displaying over moss, 3/4 - 3 there 21/6, 25/6, 9/7, 30/7, 2/8 - 4 (3ads/1juv), 11/7

RINGED PLOVER 1 off mossland, 8/3

GOLDEN PLOVER 55 flew SW, 3/1 - 200 flew N, 22/2 - 22 flew north west, 12/10

LAPWING 2 pair bred, 2 young noted. Peaks inc: 29 on 2/7 - 30 on 30/8 - 20 on 14/9

DUNLIN casual: 2 on pools January - 20 low & fast over moss @ dusk, 23/3

JACK SNIBE 1 on mossland, 28/1, 23/3, 20/10, 28/10 - 5 noted on 7/11

COMMON SNIBE 2 pairs bred. Peaks inc: 102 on 13/1 - 43 on 23/3 - 59 on 27/10 - 18 on 23/12

WOODCOCK casual: 1s/2s on occasions in winter

CURLEW casual: 3 on mossland, 12/3 - 1 flew north, 6/7, 11/8

SPOTTED REDSHANK 1 onto scrape @ dusk, 23/3 - 1 there 10/8

REDSHANK scarce: 1 dropped onto mossland, 30/8

GREENSHANK 1 on mossland, 16/8

GREEN SANDPIPER 1 on 31/1, 12/6, 16/6, 25/6 29/6, 9/7, 11/7, 16/7, 24/7, 2/8, 7/8, 8/8, 13/8 - 2 on 26/6, 16/7

COMMON SANDPIPER 1 noted on 23/3 & again 11/7

COMMON TERN 2 flew east, 25/5

WOODPIGEON ca2000 into roost, 22/10

CUCKOO 1 calling from mossland, 21/4, 26/4

BARN OWL 1 using box on mossland on 19/12 & 23/12

LITTLE OWL 1 calling from BC after dark, 3/1[RS]

TAWNY OWL 1 pair bred

S.E. OWL 1 hawking over mossland on 9/1, 22/1, 27/10, 7/12, 6/12, 17/12, 23/12, 27/12

SWIFT First noted, 5 going north, 28/4. Last seen 2 south on 30/8. Peaks hawking over reserve: 50+ on 24/5 - 100 on 16/7

KINGFISHER 1 on mossland, 4/10

G.S. WOODPECKER 3prs bred around woodland

SAND MARTIN First noted, 15 heading south, 15/4. Up to 5 noted most days during summer - 10 there on 16/7

SWALLOW First noted, 6 flying north, 26/3. Last seen 1 south on 1/11. Peaks over reserve inc: 50 on 27/7 - 65 flew south in 15', 30/8 - 100+ over moss, 22/9 - 250 flew south in 3 hours, 29/9

HOUSE MARTIN First, 12/4, 1 flew north - 25 @ dusk, 20/5 - 30 over moss, 27/7 - 70 over moss, 19/8 - 35 on 18/9 - 2 flew south, 2/10

TREE PIPIT 1 on moss, 19/5 & 26/5

MEADOW PIPIT 7 pairs bred.

YELLOW WAGTAIL 1 off mossland, 21/6, 20/8, 30/8, 12/9

GREY WAGTAIL 1 on 27/7, 30/8, 6/9, 16/9, 21/9

PIED WAGTAIL 1 adult on 12/3, 18/3 - 1 immature on 21/6, 6/7, 16/7, 25/7, 28/10 - 2 o/h, 27/10

STONECHAT 1 female on mossland on 21/3, 5/10

FIELDFARE 300 moving south, 26/10

REDWING 200 flew south, 26/10 - 165 flew south in 15', 28/10

MISTLE THRUSH 2 pair bred on site

SEDGE WARBLER 1 pair bred. First in, 17/5. Last noted, 5/9

WHITETHROAT 3 pair bred. First in, 21/4. Last noted 30/8

GARDEN WARBLER 1 pair briefly between 2/5 & 15/5

BLACKCAP early, 3/4 nr mini moss [RS] - 1 on 5/4 - 1 nr OT, 1/51 nr VC, 3/7 - 1 nr OT, 27/8 - 1 in J wood, 8/9 - BBS-17 pairs bred [15/5 & 26/5]

YELLOW BROWED WARBLER 1 noted, 10/10

CHIFFCHAFF, SIBERIAN 1 nr Bend, May (call recorded + details)

CHIFFCHAFF 4 pair bred. First heard, 23/3. Still calling, 16/11

WILLOW WARBLER 44 pairs bred. First in, 2/4. Last noted, 14/9

GOLDCREST 1s/2s seen in first half of year. Year of the species! with up to 4 frequently noted in mixed flocks around woods from autumn to years end.

LONG TAILED TIT 2 pairs bred. Peak Nos noted inc:17 in mixed flock, 26/9, 28/10 - 31+ on 18/11

WILLOW TIT 1 pair bred. Birds seen throughout year.

COAL TIT 1 pair bred.

NUTHATCH Up to 2 present during winter period. 3 present on 20/8, 15/10, 7/11

TREECREEPER 2 pair bred.

MAGPIE 24 into roost on 3/1.

CARRION CROW Peaks noted: 20 over moss on 28/3 - 14 on 14/11

RAVEN 1 circling/soaring over mossland on 4/5, 26/6, 17/12 - 2 flew west, 17/9

HOUSE SPARROW Scarce - 5 landed briefly on mossland & then flew south, 27/7

TREE SPARROW 3 flew south low over mossland on 7/11

GREENFINCH 35+ into roost, 26/12

GOLDFINCH 40 perched on mossland, 11/7 - 20 on 8/9, 22/10

LINNET 1 pair bred. 3pr noted briefly on 21/4, 21/6, 11/7

REDPOLL 1 pair bred. 7 flew west 28/10

COMMON CROSSBILL 1 heard calling on 25/10

BULLFINCH 2 pairs bred. Up to 2 pairs frequently at Woodland Hide in winter.

YELLOWHAMMER 1 pair bred.

REED BUNTING 19 pairs bred. Up to 6 at Woodland Hide in winter.

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